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Mrs. Margaret Cuthbert has gone up to Mountain Park to be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Thornton.

Mrs. A. S. McCall, Alberta College, North Side, will be here today (Friday), nor again this weekend.

Mrs. J. W. Holton, 813 10th street, south side, will not receive on Friday, as she is ill.

Mrs. W. G. Morris, Mrs. Jessie Patten, and Miss Marion Ross, all went down to Olds for Ash Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Dunnigan, of Can. Marshall.

Mrs. A. G. Miller is entertaining at a small matinee bridge of two tables today.

Mrs. William H. Margrave, 10229 11th street will not receive tomorrow (Friday), owing to illness in the family.

Mr. W. W. MacInnes is in Red Deer, hisather was invited to read a talk, so it is expected the author will talk on women's franchises and problems.

At Mr. and Mrs. J. Hay Powell's residence 14th street yesterday afternoon, many friends took tea with little Elizabeth Abbott, christened by Rev. Dr. Armstrong, Mc Dougall.

The guest present included Mrs. P. D. McLean, Mrs. J. C. McLean, Mrs. H. Hunt, Mr. and Mrs. Clara Watt, Mr. and Mrs. J. Campbell, Dr. and Mrs. J. Brown.

Many good wishes were showered on the happy little girl.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Anderson, deputized at their usual hour on Wednesday in honor of Mrs. Johnston. Winsome baby, a girl, was born to the couple in deep rose satin, swaddled in chiffon.

Mrs. Johnston wore silver arials, charms, and a long green sash of fine lace. At the tea table, Mrs. Johnston, Mrs. J. C. McLean, Mrs. H. Hunt, Mrs. Clara Watt, Mr. and Mrs. J. Campbell, Dr. and Mrs. J. Brown.

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MRS. W. J. MELROSE IS HONORED BY DIOCESES W. A.**Has Conferred on Her Life Membership on General Board**

It was the proud privilege of Mrs. W. J. Melrose to confer on the All Saints church, to have on her head yesterday graciously the honor of life membership on the church's life membership on the part of the Most Rev. Dr. W. A. Bishop Gray, honorary president of the W. A. A. The ceremony, which had been arranged and conducted by the Rev. Dr. J. C. Irvin, was received with the greatest enthusiasm.

The meeting of the municipal council was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. Saturday in the month of January.

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1915.

The Property Owners' association are not asking that the boundaries of the city be kept fixed in the event of a vote for incorporation of the city. They are asking that the power of his vote be increased, by the withdrawal of the voting power from those who merely drift into town, and who are not interested in the life taking with them the proceeds of their summer's wages. It is admitted that the man who permanently resides in the city should have a vote, also that his wife should have a vote, but the proposal is to prevent the votes of permanent residents being swayed by parties who have no interest in the community other than getting as much of its money as they can lay hands on. It is not the tenant that is aimed at, but the outside vote.

No person has a right to say in the management and control of the streets and other municipal utilities except those properties have been mortgaged to create these enterprises, and who have to stand the loss if they go to the wall. The non-property owner is entitled to the same facilities as those free from the liability to return for his money, nothing more. At present these vast and money-losing enterprises are under the management and control of a city council elected by those who are not interested in the welfare of the city, and the consequences and at the cost of those who did. That is not a fair arrangement, nor is that one. There have been times when some of these utilities have been managed for political purposes, and in interest of those who did not have any interest in the welfare of the city, and the consequences and at the cost of those who did. That is a continuous danger so long as the man who does not have to share the deficits has a say in electing the management of the city. The most practicable way to secure the utilities is to take their control away from the city council altogether and put each of them in the hands of a board of directors elected by those who have provided the capital to create it. In other words, to constitute the property owners of the city a company, managing their several enterprises by separate boards of directors elected by themselves and answerable to themselves.

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Five thousand officers and men are included in the casualty lists of the British Army so far. With the exception of the small force interned in Holland most of these men are undoubtedly dead. Battles at sea do not leave scars, but the good it has yet to do is to be done. The British fleet, I might as well be at the bottom of the sea. All British trade routes are open. All enemy trade routes across the seven seas are closed. The British navy is faced with the honor of Britain.

None of them died in a more vital cause than the five thousand who have gone down in the past six months. And none were more splendidly successful in their appointed tasks.

The Property Owners' association is an organization formed last year for the purpose of protecting the interests of the taxpayers of the city of Edmonton. It is the tax collector of the city, and the direction of civic affairs since lines of sale and same progress. It is fortunate that the activity of the association did not cease with the tax collector of the city, but continued which brought about its formation. The victory of last fall was a long step toward the re-establishment of responsible government. But unless that victory is followed up by such representation as that of the governing machine, will not the continued control of the city by those who have to provide the money the results of last year's effort will only be temporary, and the association will meet before the city council a series of proposed amendments to the city charter looking to this end. It will be up to every taxpayer of the city who has to stand the loss to have to pay the shot to add his influence to secure the passing of these amendments by the Legislature.

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IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS

Ottawa, February 12th, 1915.

The Budget announcements of

Finance Minister, Mr. G. W. Galt, were sufficiently startling both in their statement as to the financial situation and as to the means to be taken to remedy it. It was naturally expected that burdens created by war conditions would have to be met by the government above and above the ordinary accounting of revenue and expenditure. But it was not expected that aside altogether from war expenditures, which are being met by the war, would be received by the imperial government the financial shorting would be what it was.

Expenditure for the year ending March 31st next, was estimated at \$190,000,000, and revenue \$130,000,000, a deficit of \$60,000,000.

The revenue was \$30,000,000 less than that of the previous year. But even had the revenue kept up there would have been a balance on the wrong side of nearly \$40,000,000. The deficit of \$60,000,000 is included the increase of debt for the year ending March 31st, next is \$110,000,000.

War expenditure for the coming year, beginning April 1st, 1915, is estimated at \$140,000,000. This amount will be temporarily borrowed from the Imperial government and be added to Canada's national debt. But aside altogether from war expenditure the Finance Minister expects to spend \$140,000,000 on capital account besides having to meet a repayment of short date loans. To meet this expenditure he estimates a reduction from the present rate of 20 per cent. and under present tariff adjustment of \$100,000,000. Unless means are taken to increase the revenue by increased taxation the deficit for the coming year will be required to be met by current year's revenue of \$60,000,000. To increase the revenue he proposes to establish direct taxation which he hopes will yield from \$8,000,000 to \$10,000,000; and by increasing customs rates from 20 per cent. to \$22,000,000. If his best hopes are realized and the total revenue is increased to \$153,000,000 there will still be a difference between revenue and expenditure of \$27,000,000. The decrease of revenue without corresponding decrease of expenditure—although the two great Transcontinental railways are completed—indicates either that some one is getting a free ride in another country or with the administration of its finances by the present government. It is to be remembered that the decrease in revenue has taken place while \$100,000,000 has been spent in war spent in war purposes and no doubt an equal or larger amount in purchases by Britain in Canada for war purposes.

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